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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, LA

SUBJECT: CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY BY LAO AMBASSADOR

SYDNEY FOR HABIB

1. ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL CALLED IN LAO AMBASSADOR KHAMPHAN PANYA MAY 23 IN ORDER TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN VIENTIANE AND TO REQUEST HIS TRANSMITTAL OF SAME TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. THE ACTING SECRETARY BEGAN BY STATING THAT THE REASON FOR CALLING IN THE AMBASSADOR CONCERNED PARTICULARLY THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN VIENTIANE WITH RESPECT TO US GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, PROPERTY AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE DEMON-  
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STRATORS TOWARD AMERICANS. HE STRESSED OUR DESIRE TO

HAVE HIM EXPRESS USG CONCERN AND HOPED THAT KHAMPHAN COULD USE HIS OWN INFLUENCE TOWARD AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEMS.

3. IN REPLY, LAO AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE REGRET AT SITUATION AND PROMISED HE WOULD DO HIS BEST. HE STATED HE HAD ALREADY SENT A TELEGRAM TWO DAYS AGO ASKING FOR ENLIGHTENMENT RE PGNU POLICY, FOR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED AND FOR A COMMUNIQUE WHICH HE COULD PUBLISH

IN EXPLANATION OF EVENTS IN LAOS. HE STRESSED HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER THE SITUATION WHICH HE DECLARED TO BE UNLIKE THE LAO.

4. KHAMPHAN ALSO STATED HIS SURPRISE AT EVENTS FOR IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM VIENTIANE ON MAY 15, PHOUMI HAD TOLD HIM THAT LAOS WOULD NEED US HELP FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THAT IT WANTED THE US AS A FRIEND AND HAD NO INTENTION TO BE HOSTILE. PHOUMI ALSO WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED REGARDING AID WAS A CHANGE IN THE FORM IN WHICH LATTER WAS GIVEN AND THAT THIS NEEDED REVIEW.

5. KHAMPHAN CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY ASKING WHEN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE STONE WOULD ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE.

6. AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONVERSATION, THE SECRETARY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT STONE WOULD PROCEED TO HIS POST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING SENATE CONFIRMATION. HE AGAIN STRESSED THE WORRISOME NATURE OF THE VIENTIANE SITUATION, DESPITE THE AGREEMENT ALREADY GIVEN BY THE US TO THE END OF THE USAID MISSION. HE POINTED OUT OUR DESIRE TO WITHDRAW US PERSONNEL WHICH CONTINUED TO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES IN SO DOING. HE POINTED OUT THE BAD PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS AND WITH RESPECT TO THE CONGRESS BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR CONTINUATION OF FRIENDLY US-LAO RELATIONS. INGERSOLL

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